

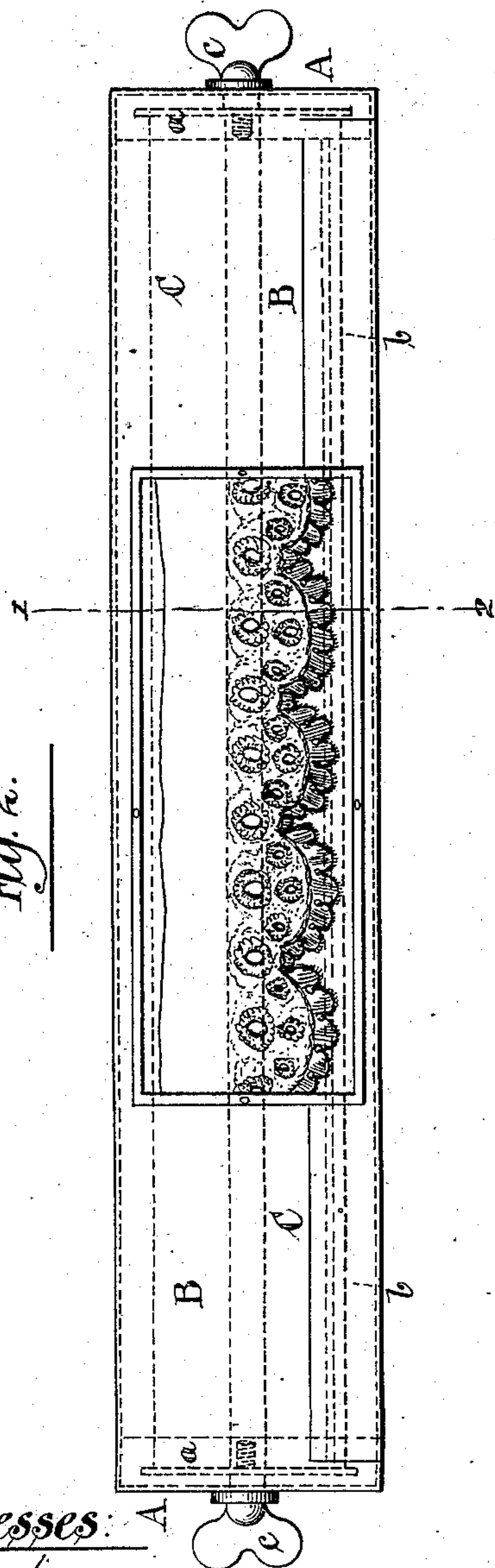
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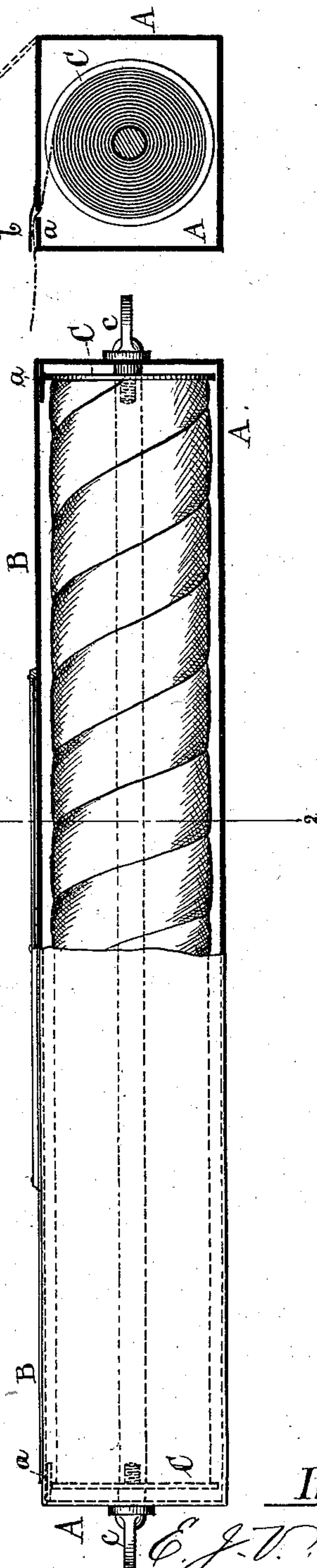
Fig. 2.



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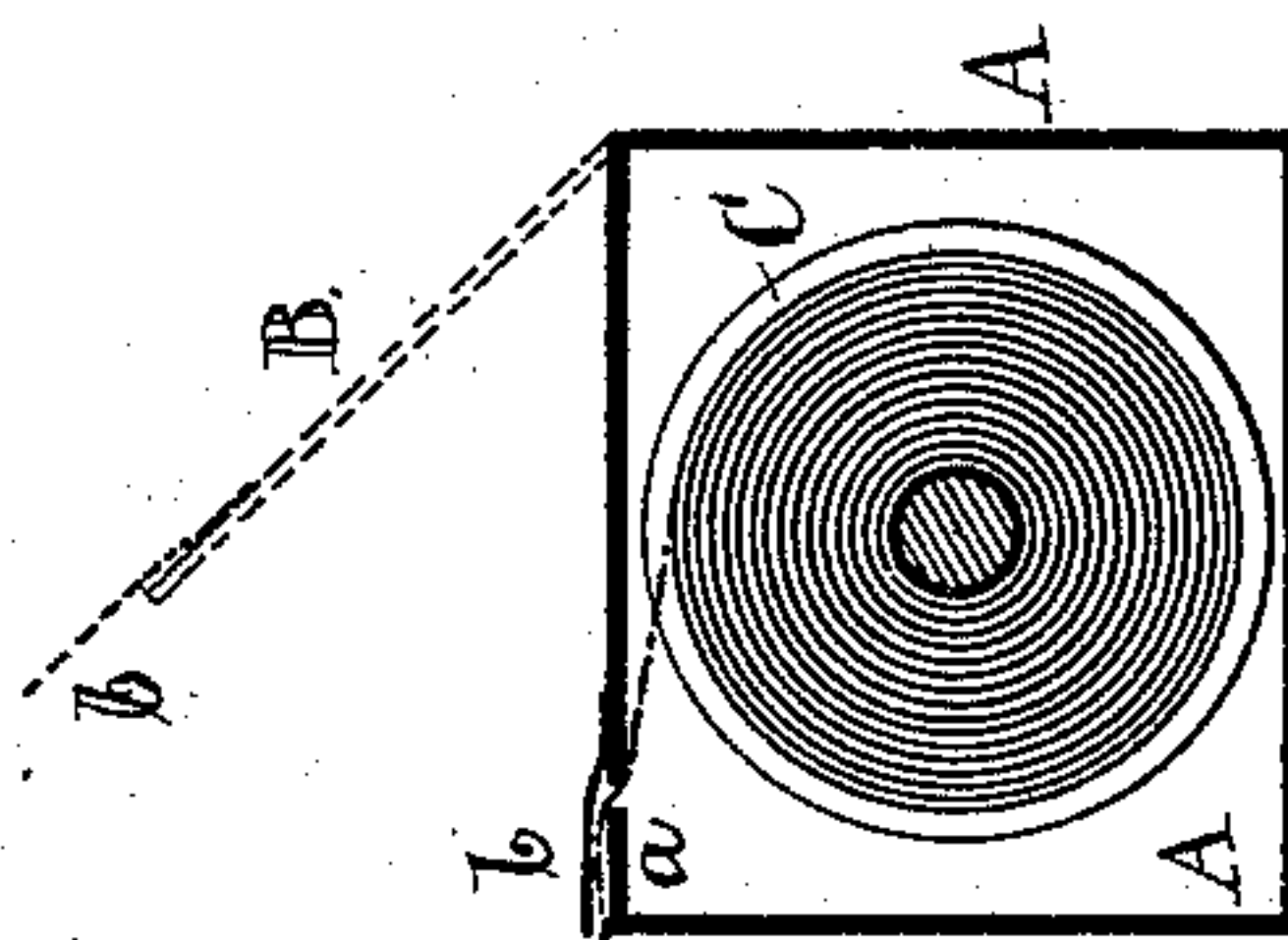
Fig. 1.



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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD JOHN VAVASOUR EARLE, of Berners Street, Oxford Street, in the county of Middlesex, England, have invented an improved construction of case for the reception of embroidered and other trimmings, lace, and woven bands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to boxes or cases for narrow piece-goods—such as strips of embroidery—in which the goods are wound on a roller journaled within the box or case, and are adapted to be drawn out from the box or case through an opening or slit therein in any quantity desired.

The invention consists in such a box or case having its opening or slit closed by a strip of cloth or other flexible material, which effectually prevents the entrance of dust and dirt, in combination with a roller adapted to have the goods wound upon it and journaled in the box or case.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the novel construction of case, shown partly in section to exhibit the wound bobbin contained therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on the line 1 2 of Figs. 1 and 2.

A is the rectangular case, the front and ends of which I form with internal flanges, *a a*, at the front edge and ends, and the latter of which are overlaid by the hinged lid or cover B. This cover, like the body of the case, is made by preference of pasteboard, except at its front edge, where a strip of cloth, *b*, is attached to form a flexible lip. This strip I cover with embossed or other paper, which extends over the whole of the cover, and thus gives it a uniform appearance.

C is the flanged bobbin with the embroidered trimming wound thereon, a specimen of which

I attach to the lid, as shown at Fig. 2. When this bobbin is inserted in the case I pass through the ends of the case screws *c c*, which, entering the bobbin in the line of its axis, will form trunnions for it to turn on. These trunnions I form with thumb-pieces; or rings may be fitted thereto for turning the bobbin in its bearings and winding up any surplus length of the goods which has been withdrawn from the case and is not required to be cut off. When the bobbin is secured in place I secure the lid or cover B to the end flanges, *a*, by any suitable cement, and leave a longitudinal opening or slit between the flexible lip of the lid and the flange *a*, which it overlies, which opening or slit extends nearly the whole length of the box.

The end of the embroidered fabric I draw out of the case from under the lip *b* preparatory to securing the lid, and I can then draw out any length of the fabric when required for inspection. In order to return it to its case, if desired, it will only be necessary, by means of the thumb-pieces *c*, to wind up the roller.

For gaining access to the case when the bobbin is exhausted, a knife may be inserted under the lid to separate the same from the end flanges, *a*.

Having now explained the nature of my invention, I wish it to be understood that I claim—

The combination of a box or case having a longitudinal slit or opening with a flexible strip covering said slit or opening, and a roller journaled in said box or case and adapted to have a strip of goods wound upon it, substantially as specified.

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